# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT,2006
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of States which have appointed Protection Officers under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2006, State-wise and Union Territory- wise;

(b) the details of criteria for appointing of Protection Officers;

(c) whether some States have expressed their unwillingness to be appointed as Protection Officers under the said Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure effective implementation of the said Act in the country;

(f) whether the Delhi Commission for Women has received any complaints regarding domestic harassment/violence against women;

(g) if so, the details thereof from the month of October 2006 to till date alongwith reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(h) the steps taken/proposed to be taken against each of the complaints?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) According to the feedback received so far, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh and UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi and Lakshadweep have confirmed appointment of Protection Officers under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (no. 43 of 2005). State Governments of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have also reported initiation of necessary action in this regard.

(b) According to Section 8(2) of the said Act, the Protection Officers shall as far as possible be women. The qualifications and experience of Protection Officers is prescribed in rule 3 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Rules, 2006, which have been made and notified under the Act. According to rule 3, the Protection Officers appointed may be of the Government or members of non-governmental organizations, preference being given to women. Every person appointed as Protection Officer shall have at least three years' experience in social sector and shall have a minimum tenure of three years as Protection Officer. The State Government shall provide necessary office assistance to the Protection Officer for the efficient discharge of his or her functions under the Act and the Rules.

(c)&(d) No such case has come to the knowledge of the Government.

(e) Ministry of Women and Child Development has advised all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to take immediate steps to implement the Act, including appointment of Protection Officers and provision of necessary infrastructure, registration of service providers and publicity to Protection Officers, service providers and the provisions of the Act.

(f),(g)&(h) Delhi Commission for Women has informed that 41 cases have been registered and that after initial registration at the Helpline the cases are being heard by the Members and referred to the concerned District Protection Officer for further redressal.